

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1454

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jordan Black upon his receipt of the National Park Service Excellence in Mentorship Aviation Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Jordan Black, who was recently named the winner of the National Park Service (NPS) Excellence in Mentorship Aviation Award; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Black is a Wildland Fire Module Superintendent at Great Smoky Mountains National Park; throughout his career, he has contributed to and advanced the National Park Service's mission of managing our nation's national parks for the benefit of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Mentorship Aviation Award recognizes those whose training and mentorship of aviation personnel goes far beyond ordinary expectations; and

WHEREAS, during the award period, Mr. Black recognized the benefits of using unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) to provide safer and more efficient operations; and

WHEREAS, after training to become a Department of Interior NPS UAS pilot, he was immediately called upon to help with search and rescue events, prescribed fire-monitoring flights, and post-hurricane events; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Black then helped train and mentor new pilots by teaching several remote pilot operator courses, earning lead instructor credentials in the process; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of people such as

Jordan Black, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and who should be specially recognized for their public and community service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and congratulate Jordan Black upon his receipt of the National Park Service Excellence in Mentorship Aviation Award, extending our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.